

Working with the Word Body and Blood of Christ C June 22, 2025

Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20
Responsorial Psalm: 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: kingdom of God, healed, gave, all ate, satisfied, fragments ... filled

To the point: "Healing, nourishment, satisfaction, and abundance are all signs of the presence of the kingdom of God. Jesus' actions in this gospel, however, reveal an even more telling sign. By taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread and fish, he foreshadows the total gift of his very self—on the Cross, in the Eucharist.

The fullest presence of the kingdom of God is revealed by the total gift of self. When we receive Jesus' gift of self in the Eucharist and choose to be transformed into being that same gift for others, we are the visible presence of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God comes to fulfillment in every act of total self-giving.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the Second Reading:** The focus of this solemnity is not limited to our eating and drinking the eucharistic elements, but leads to our living the total self-giving of Christ: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

... **to experience:** Total self-giving seems beyond human capability. Only little by little do we grow in our capacity to give ourselves as Jesus did. The Eucharist nourishes and encourages us as we more and more in our daily lives choose self-giving.

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Pray for Pope Leo XIV

May God grant him wisdom!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Al Attardi**
req by Wife and Children

Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **James Saraceni**
req by Family

Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist— June 24

Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of His forerunner, John the Baptist, on June 24. St. John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ.

St. John the Baptist is most known for being the cousin of Jesus and the principal figure in preparing the way for Christ before He began His public ministry. He is also known for being the son of Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah, who bore him in their old age.

The idea of ritual washing was part of Jewish practice. For those who were not Jewish by birth it was part of their conversion. However, it was not a proper sacrament as it did not confer grace, as do the Christian sacraments. The baptism of John, on the other hand, was a step toward the Sacraments of the Church, in that it pointed not *back* to the Law of Moses, but *forward* to the Law of Christ, "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The true Sacrament of Baptism, however, would await Christ's institution, and through it, sin would be forgiven and the Holy Spirit conferred.

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GIVE THEM SOME FOOD



YOURSELVES

Mass Time:

Sunday, June 22, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

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**Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
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Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ, is the central mystery of our faith - a mystery to be eaten, not studied! Without priests, we cannot receive this incredible gift. The need is great, so if God is summoning you to a Church vocation call Fr. Dave today at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Camp Turner Summer Registration Is Open!

If you are looking for a safe summer activity for your children ages 7-16, Camp Turner is the place. Camp Turner, nestled within 65,000 acres of Allegany State Park and sponsored by OLV Charities, is a magical place where children and teens can experience God through nature, enjoy fresh air and green spaces, and participate in fun activities. Our first aid and CPR certified staff undergo an extensive background check and attend a weeklong training program to best serve and care for your young ones. For more information or questions, call 716-354-4555 or email campturner@olvcharities.org. Register now online at <https://www.campturner.com>.

**All Babies Cherished
Baby Bottle Drive**



Our Lady of Batavia Knights of Columbus 11728 thanks all who took a baby bottle home to help All Babies Cherished. NOW is the time to bring them back to the church or the office. The Knights will be picking them up and processing the donations starting Father's Day through early July.

Pray for Peace



Catholic Charities

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What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly, Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance") when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Every year the Feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew the wonder and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, which is the Eucharist.

In 2025, The solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 19, but is transferred to Sunday, June 22 in our Diocese.

"Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask Him with our heart: 'Lord give me the daily bread to go forward; Lord satisfy me with Your presence.'" *Pope Francis*



Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is in the Church of Santa Maria in Assisi. The Italian teenager will be canonized the first millennial saint of the Church on September 7, 2025 by Pope Leo XIV.

Collection for Sunday, June 15, 2025
Includes online deposits

Weekly Offering	\$2,620.70
Miscellaneous	360.00
TOTAL	\$2,980.70

Middle School and High School



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